



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Violet Varona-Lukens, Executive Officer
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

At its meeting held October 21, 2003, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

“On July 29, 2003, this Board requested the Sheriff, along with the Chief Administrative Officer and County Counsel, to review a request by the Emergency Management Air Support Wing (EMASW) to provide emergency air support services to the Sheriff's Aero Bureau and report back with their recommendations.

“The Sheriff's October 9, 2003 letter to the Board in response to the Board's request, recommends qualifying and accepting individual members of the EMASW into the Sheriff's existing Aero Squadron which is a similar volunteer organization previously approved by the Board on September 12, 2000. The members of the EMASW will be subject to the same qualifying requirements as the existing squadron members and must possess acceptable pilot qualifications and experience.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Molina, unanimously carried, the Board requested the Sheriff to qualify and accept individual members of the Emergency Management Air Support Wing into the Sheriff Department's Aero Squadron to provide emergency air support services to the Bureau, as recommended by the Sheriff in his attached October 9, 2003 report to the Board.

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Attachment

Copies distributed:

Each Supervisor
Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Captain, Aero Bureau of the Los Angeles County
Sheriff Department

Letter sent to:

Sheriff



LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF

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October 9, 2003

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**RESPONSE TO BOARD MOTION REGARDING
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AIR SUPPORT WING'S PROSPECTIVE
AGREEMENT WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY**

This letter is in response to your Board's motion on July 29, 2003, requesting the Sheriff's Department, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), and County Counsel review a request by the Emergency Management Air Support Wing's (EMASW) to provide emergency support services to the County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Aero Bureau. Your Board also requested a review of the agreement currently in place between the City of Los Angeles and the EMASW.

Background

The EMASW is an organization of volunteer pilots drawn from the national organization known as Angel Flight. Angel Flight is a member of Air Care Alliance, a group of 37 organizations providing humanitarian air transport services throughout the United States. Angel Flight is a non-profit organization of pilots and volunteers dedicated to serving the community by arranging free private air transportation for needy patients for any legitimate, medically-related need, or purpose. The City of Los Angeles currently has an agreement with Angel Flight to provide air support services to the City's Emergency Preparedness Department, in times of crisis.

Recommendation

County Counsel advised that the County is liable for the acts or omissions of its volunteers. Therefore, after consultation with the CAO and County Counsel, it is recommended that EMASW members be individually qualified and accepted into the existing Sheriff's Department's Aero Squadron. The Aero Squadron, which was

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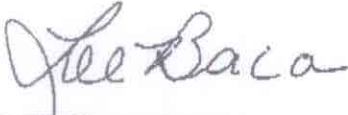
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approved by your Board on September 12, 2000, is a volunteer organization assigned to the Aero Bureau. This squadron consists of volunteers who already provide similar services to the Sheriff's Department. The EMASW members will be subject to the same qualifying requirements as the existing squadron members and must possess acceptable pilot qualifications and experience.

The EMASW members will be covered under the County's Workers Compensation insurance, currently provided to all squadron members.

Should you have any questions regarding our recommendation, please do not hesitate to contact Captain Jim Di Giovanna, Aero Bureau, at (562) 421-2701.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leroy D. Baca".

LEROY D. BACA
SHERIFF